

AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO FIX RATES OF COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF CERTAIN EXAMINING AND LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Mr. McMILLAN, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1739]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1739) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to fix rates of compensation of members of certain examining and licensing boards and commissions, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill S. 1739 as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike the sentence beginning in line 2, page 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

The United States Civil Service Commission, upon recommendation of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, is authorized to exclude from the operation of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, any officer or employee or group of officers or employees within the purview of this Act whose services are intermittent and tenure of office is of limited duration.

The purpose of this bill is set forth by sections as follows:

Section 1 would authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to fix the rate of compensation or honorarium to be paid to members of examining and licensing boards, commissions, and committees (now incorporated in the Department of Occupations and Professions); to cause all funds collected by such boards, commissions, and committees for holding examinations and issuing licenses to be deposited to the credit of the District of Columbia, and would allow

any member of such board, commission, or committee to receive his honorarium as well as any retired pay, retirement compensation, or annuity to which such member may be entitled on account of previous service rendered to the United States or District of Columbia governments.

Section 2 sets forth the acts under which the boards, commissions, and committees have been established to which this bill shall apply, and such boards, commissions, and committees are as follows:

- Board of Accountancy
- Board of Barber Examiners for the District of Columbia
- Board of Dental Examiners
- Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects
- Board of Examiners of Steam and Other Operating Engineers
- Board of Examiners of Veterinary Medicine
- Board of Optometry
- Board of Pharmacy
- Board of Podiatry Examiners
- Commission on Licensure to Practice the Healing Art in the District of Columbia
- District of Columbia Board of Cosmetology
- District of Columbia Board of Registration of Professional Engineers
- District Boxing Commission
- Electrical Examining Board
- Motion Picture Operators' Examining Board
- Nurses' Examining Board
- Plumbing Board
- Real Estate Commission
- Undertakers' Examining Committee

Section 3 provides for refund of license, certificate or registration fees upon application therefor. There have been cases when an applicant has paid his fee, and while waiting to sit for an examination has been called into the armed service. Under existing law, the fee could not be refunded.

Section 4 authorizes the Commissioners to fix and change the license period. This is an administrative expedient which would permit flexibility by the Department of Occupations and Professions and allow the Department to stagger the period so as not to have too many of them fall due at one time.

Section 5 is clarifying language to conform to Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1952.

Section 6 authorizes appropriations out of District revenues of amounts necessary to administer the acts under which the several boards, commissions, and committees were established.

The rates of compensation which are now being paid to the members of these boards, commissions, and committees are not on a comparable basis. For example, the members of the Board of Barber Examiners receive \$20 a day; the members of the Board of Dental Examiners receive \$14.33 a day; the members of the District of Columbia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers receive \$25 a day, and the members of the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects receive \$10 a day.

The requirement of the bill that all funds collected for examinations and issuance of licenses by the boards and commissions be deposited

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